

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
89<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Held at Bisley Shooting Ground, Bisley,

On **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 2pm**

**PRESENT:**

Dr J Martin	(JM)	E. Midlands Regional Director- Chairman
Mr M Machin	(MM)	W. Midlands Regional Director- Vice Chairman
Mr P Saich	(PS)	Southeast Regional Director
Mr J Leightley	(JL)	North Regional Director
Mr C Smith	(CS)	National Director
Mr R Vallance	(RV)	National Director
Mr D Rollason	(DR)	Independent Director
Mr C Burrows	(CB)	Independent Director
Mr I Parker	(IP)	Chief Executive
Ms C Alger	(CA)	Operations Manager
Mrs L Vallance		Minutes Secretary

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all to the CPSPA's 89<sup>th</sup> AGM. He thanked Richie Vallance and the NRA for providing the venue.

**OBITUARIES**

PS announced the members who had sadly passed away since the previous AGM in March 2024 and asked everyone present to stand for a minute's silence.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Mr R Faulds- Southwest Regional Director

Mrs N Heron- National Director

## **RATIFY THE MINUTES OF 2024 AGM**

Proposed by Richard Worthington and seconded by Carl Smith.

23 in favour.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2024 MINUTES**

None.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The chairman's report can be found in the February's issue of the PULL! magazine and on the CPSA website.

JM stated that working at HQ he sees the amount of time and effort IP and the staff put into making the organisation run efficiently.

JM thanked Stacy Nel for her excellent contribution she made towards the awards evening, as he had forgotten to thank her on the evening of the awards.

JM reported that Suzanne Stubbs- who looked after the England Tem- had officially retired yesterday. Suzanne has been replaced by Gary Cooper who has a lot of shooting experience.

JM thanked all who were in attendance and also thanked Bisley Shooting Ground for providing the venue for the CPSA's 89th AGM.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS**

The ratification of the Annual Report and Accounts was proposed by Janet Stennett and seconded by Peter Saich.

In Room: For: 23 Against: 0 Withheld: 0

Proxy Vote: For: 1124 Against: 13 Withheld: 69

Carried

## **ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD MARCH 2025**

JM explained each director elected stand for a term of 3 years starting from the AGM. The following director posts up for re-election this AGM, which were advertised in November 2024 - East Midlands- JM, Southwest Regional- RF and National Directors-Lauren Goodman (LG). JM reported that due to work commitments LG stood down from the National Director post at the end of her term. The applicants who applied for each of these posts were unopposed and the directors appointed are:

- John Martin- East Midlands Regional Director
- Richard Faulds- Southwest Regional Director
- Richie Vallance- National Director

## **LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS**

- John Offord (JO)- JM explained when a director leaves the board after standing for 2 term they are presented with a Life Vice Presidency (LVP). 6 years ago JO stood down from Southeast directorship and never received his LVP. JO was unable to attend the AGM so was presented his LVP at the Steering committee meeting which he sits on as the CPSA's representative from British Shooting. JO thanked JM and the board for the LVP which meant a lot to him.
- Janet Stennett (JS)- JM awarded LVP to JS who has long supported the CPSA at Regional level and has decided to step back a little and concentrate on County level. JS thanked the CPSA for the LVP which was the icing on the cake after being made to feel very appreciated this year by East Midlands and the CPSA. JS wanted to reiterate what JM said about the HQ staff who are so helpful which makes running things at Regional/County end so much easier.

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

### **WR Partners- Auditors.**

Proposed by Colin Burrows

Seconded by Stacy Nel

In Room: For: 23 Against: 0 Withheld: 0

Proxy Vote: For: 1110 Against: 22 Withheld: 76

Carried

## **APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY OFFICERS**

### **Honorary Solicitor- Laura Saunbury**

Proposed by Carl Smith

Seconded by Peter Saich

In Room: For: 23 Against: 0 Withheld: 0

Proxy Vote: For: 1147 Against: 23 Withheld: 41

Carried

### **Honorary Licencing Advisor- Laura Saunbury**

Proposed by Peter Saich

Seconded by Carl Smith

In Room: For: 23 Against: 0 Withheld: 0

Proxy Vote: For: 1152 Against: 22 Withheld: 38

Carried

## **Honorary Insurance Advisor- Mark Dawson**

Proposed by Richard Worthington      Seconded by Janet Stennett

In Room:      For: 23      Against: 0      Withheld: 0

Proxy Vote:      For: 1133      Against: 19      Withheld: 57

Carried

## **REVIEW AND UPDATE FOR 2024**

IP thanked all for attending the AGM and the board of directors for their continued work and support to himself, the sport, and the regions throughout the year. IP thanked the Counties and the members who had given up their time for the sport and the association.

### **2024 Review**

- Membership- a small decrease in the year but expected and budgeted for.
- Ended the year with £3,907 surplus and reserves at £414K (inc. Des. R)
- A full calendar of Championships and HI's including hosting the ICTSF World DTL Championships at Bywell SG.
- SHOOT program now running across all grounds and we will continue to support and develop this platform into the future.
- HSE issued its final position on lead ammunition restrictions and we now await DEFRA and the government to take the next step to bring into law proposed restrictions.
- CPSA Championship sponsor partners is going stronger than ever with 6 headline sponsors- Browning, Eley, Swatcom, Schoffel, Le Chameau & newly signed Pilla glasses.
- The Olympics saw amazing success for our members Nathan Hales and Amber Rutter both winning in Paris.

### **2025 Year Ahead**

- Already a busy Spring for the association with a busy British Shooting Show and fantastic CPSA awards. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners.
- Championships- We will be hosting the World English Sporting in July at Churchills, plus, a full calendar ahead for 2025.
- Membership- we face challenges as license holder numbers continue to decrease but have initiative partnered with Promatic.
- Regions & Counties- AGM's all complete with good turnouts & thanks to all Regions & Counties.

We face some key challenges for our sport ahead with legislation from lead ammunition to statutory guidance for licensing. I can assure the membership we are working hard with our partner associations and government to protect our sport.

We continue to develop our business partnerships and looking ahead to new sponsors and memberships benefit partners in the future.

Finally my thanks to all our County, Regional committees and our Board of Directors including outgoing Director Lauren Goodman for her service to the association and welcome to Richie Vallance.

## **AOB**

Janet Stennett (JS)- Regarding CPSA membership, Lincolnshire run competitions at the Country Fair in Grimsby and there would be about 70 entrants for Sportrap and DTL. A record of which association the entrants belong to is kept and about 90% are either BASC or NGO members. JS asked if there is anything that could be offered to promote CPSA membership at this event as they do not have the time at the event to sell membership. IP said those who are into field sports tend to naturally gravitate towards associations such as BASC, even though the CPSA membership can offer game shooters better insurance package at a cheaper rate than BASC. RW said that potentially a 3 month free membership could be offered at this event. IP suggested a prepacked bag could be handed out at this event promoting CPSA membership. RW to arrange promotional options for the next event on 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2025.

JM thanked all for attendance.

**\*\* Meeting Closed 2.46pm \*\***

**Next AGM Meeting Saturday 28th March 2026**

At Bisley